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TO: Members of the Washington State Board of Health

FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Senior Health Policy Manager

RE: 2001-03 PRIORITIES—FOLLOW-UP TO JULY 10-11 MEETING

Background and Summary

In July, the Board devoted the bulk of its meeting time to identifying Board priorities for the 2001-03 biennium. This included a work session on the evening of July 10 and the afternoon of the Board's regular meeting the following day. A professional facilitator, Keith McCandless, recorded notes creatively on large-format paper mounted on the walls. The Board made considerable progress toward narrowing and focusing the list of possible priority projects but took no formal action. Executive Director Don Sloma stated at the end of the July 11 meeting that the Board had provided enough direction during the meeting to allow staff to begin working with committee members to develop work plans.

Staff reviewed the materials created during the evening of July 10 and the afternoon of July 11 and tried to capture the content in two documents. The first document is a working draft of priority projects for 2001-03. A preliminary draft was circulated to Board members for review in July. A revision, which is still a working draft, is attached.

Based on the Board's discussions during the July meeting and its subsequent review of the preliminary working draft of priorities, lead staff members have begun working with committee members to pull together work plans. Some work plans will be presented today for Board review and possible approval. Others will be presented at the October meeting.

The second document is an attempt to capture part of the July 10 work session discussion. That discussion focused on previous Board successes and the factors that helped make those successes possible. Understanding what those factors were and considering them when developing work plans could increase the likelihood of future successes. That resulting document, "Questions to Consider when Planning Board Work," is attached.

Staff members have saved the original creative, large-format notes and planning tools.

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Recommended Action: None. Staff recommends that the Board's review and adoption of committee work plans constitute the formal decision point for setting 2001-03 priorities.